Unemployment in the country

2534. MISS MABEL REBELLO : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that around seven and half crore people are unemployed in the country at present while only one fourth of them are registered in employment exchanges;

(b) whether economic liberalisation is creating more unemployment in the country; and

(c) the details of last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) Ministry of Labour has reported that: The estimates of employment, unemployment and labour force are obtained on the basis of Labour Force Surveys conducted by NSSO from time to time. As per the latest survey conducted by NSSO in 1999-2000, the estimated number of unemployed in the country is of the order of 10 million by the Usual Principal Status approach.

The number of Job seekers, all of whom are not necessarily unemployed, on the live register of Employment Exchanges at the end of 2000 were of the order 41.3 million.

(b) and (c) The average annual growth rate of overall employment (both organised and unorganised sector) after continuous declining from 2.75% in the period 1972—78 to 1.77% in 1983—1988, increased to 2.37% in the period 1987-1994. Thus the broad trends of growth in the post reform period indicate that the impact of economic and globalisation policies on employment have been, by and large positive.

Damage to Government offices/buildings in Gujarat

†2535. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the

†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the total damage caused to the Government buildings in Kutch and Jamnagar in Gujarat by the recent earthquake;

(b) the total number of buildings damaged and the extent of financial loss suffered by Government as a consequence thereof;

(c) whether Government have conducted any district-wise survey in this regard and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the amount of financial assistance to be released for the reconstruction of such buildings and by when the construction work will be completed in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of House.

Newsitem "CP buildings will collapse first—Experts"

2536. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem captioned "CP buildings will collapse first—Experts" which appeared in the Asian Age dated 30th January, 2001;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto;

(c) whether Government have any plan for ensuring safety with regard to the buildings in the Connaught Place; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) Yes, Sir. New Delhi Municipal Council have stated that there are 128 Multi-storied buildings in NDMC area, including the Multi-story buildings in Connaught Place area, and instructions are being issued by them to